

REMARKS

The indication that claims 1, 3, 7 - 12, 14, 15, 17 - 21, 25 - 27 and 29 are allowed, is acknowledged.

By the present amendment, claim 16, the only claim under rejection, and being rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawasaki (US 7,296,795), has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, such that the rejections of claim 16 have been obviated, and a discussion of the cited art in relation thereto is considered unnecessary.

Since only allowed claims 1, 3, 7 - 12, 14, 15, 17 - 21, 25 - 27 and 29 remain in this application, applicants submit that this application should now be in condition for allowance, and issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.43486X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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